

DECA Assessment and Referral Process—Early Childhood Service Provider Edition



DECA Assessment Administration Recommendations:

- Assess children 1 month to 36 months with the DECA-Infant/Toddler Assessment.
- Assess children 3 years up to 6 years old with the DECA-P2 Assessment.
- Re-assess children every 4 months (or adjust based on 3 times per school year).

DECA Assessment (I/T & P2) Results & Next Steps:

Screening and referral process should be done in partnership with the family, & be based on individual child's needs. If family has concerns, please refer to appropriate services, regardless of screening test result.

Level 1: Strength Range

Protective Factor Scale T-scores are **greater than or equal to 60.**

1. Provide family with activities for building competencies in social and emotional development (*For Now and Forever* guide provided in DECA Kit)
2. Implement activities from the DECA Strategies Guidebook in the class/care environment
3. Perform development screening (ex. ASQ-3)
4. Re-assess every 4 months/3 times per year

Level 2: Typical Range

Protective Factor T-scores **between 41 and 59 inclusive** and/or T-scores **59 or below** on Behavioral Concerns (DECA-P2 only.)

1. Monitor--rescreen
2. Implement activities from the DECA Strategies Guidebook in the class/care environment
3. Consider facilitated referral* to:
 - Primary Healthcare Provider and/or;
 - Home visiting program and/or;
 - Inclusion services and/or;
 - Mental health provider (LCSW, LPC, Psy.D., etc.)
4. Follow up with referral source if made
5. Provide family with activities for building competencies in social and emotional development (*For Now and Forever* guide provided in DECA Kit)
6. Perform developmental screen (ASQ-3)
7. Re-assess every 4 months/3 times per year

Level 3: Concern/Area of Need Range

Protective Factor Scale T-score **less than or equal to 40,** or a Behavioral Concerns Scale T-score **greater than or equal to 60.**

1. Facilitated Referral* for further evaluation and/or services
 - Primary Healthcare Provider and/or;
 - Home visiting program and/or;
 - Early intervention services and/or;
 - Inclusions Services and/or;
 - Mental Health provider (ex. LCSW, LPC, Psy.D., LMFT, etc.)
2. Implement activities from the DECA Strategies Guidebook in the class/care environment
3. Provide family with activities for building competencies in social and emotional development (*For Now and Forever* guide provided in DECA Kit)
4. Perform developmental screen (ASQ-3)
5. Re-assess every 4 months/3 times per year

***Facilitated Referral –**

1. Have staff assist parent with making referral.
2. Send information related to screening results to referral.
3. Follow up with referral source to ensure referral received, appointment occurred and to obtain results.

For more information about the Devereux Early Childhood Assessments, please contact the Devereux Center for Resilient Children at www.centerforresilientchildren.org or call (866) 872-4687.

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Early Childhood Service Provider Screening & Referral Resource List-St. Louis City

(To be used with the Screening & Referral Process Grid)

Level Scored (from Screening & Referral Process Grid)			Primary Care Providers Refer the family to the child's primary care provider (regular doctor). Use the list below if they do not have an existing provider.
Level 2	Level 3	Social & Emotional Scores Recommend Referral	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Social & Emotional Resources:</u> Go to Social & Emotional List → • <u>Primary Healthcare Providers:</u> Go to list on the far right → • <u>Hearing & Vision Screening:</u> Center for Hearing & Speech 314-968-4710 Delta Gamma Center (Vision only) 314-776-1300 • <u>Home Visitation:</u> Crisis Nursery (0-3 years; ask about the BBB/Bright Beginnings for Babies Program) 314-533-6900 Nurses For Newborns (0-2 years) 314-544-3433 ext. 315 Parents as Teachers (0-5 years) 314-331-6152 RAISING St. Louis (Mom must be pregnant) 314-747-7785 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Social & Emotional Resources:</u> Go to Social & Emotional List → • <u>Primary Healthcare Providers:</u> Go to list on the far right side → • <u>Early Intervention Specialists:</u> Early Childhood Special Education (3-5 years) 314-633-5360 First Steps (0-3 years) 314-453-9203 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Early Intervention Services:</u> Early Childhood Special Education (3-5 years) 314-633-5360 First Steps (0-3 years) 314-453-9203 Our Little Academy Therapeutic Preschool (3-6 years) 314-533-2229 ext. 222 <u>Inclusion Services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Aware® of Eastern MO, a program at LUME Institute 314-469-9805 • United 4 Children 314-531-1412 • <u>Mental Health Providers:</u> Amanda L Hopewell Center-Prince Hall Family Support Center (6 years+) 314-531-1770 Epworth Family Support Network (birth to 13 years) Phone: 314-918-3301 To make a referral: 314-918-3362 Keystone Mental Health Services at Our Little Haven (psyche evaluations- all ages; treatment-birth to 12 and parents) 314-533-2229 ext. 223 	<p><u>Affinia Healthcare: 314-814-8700</u> Murphy-O'Fallon 1717 Biddle St. 63107 Soulard-Benton 2220 Lemp Ave. 63104 South Broadway 3930 South Broadway 63118 Water Tower 4414 N Florissant Ave. 63107 <u>BJK People's Health Centers—Central</u> 5701 Delmar Blvd. 63112 314-367-7848 <u>Cardinal Glennon Danis Pediatrics:</u> 1465 S. Grand Blvd. 63104 314-268-4070 <u>Myrtle Hilliard Davis Comprehensive Health Centers, Inc.: 314-633-6363</u> Comp1 5741 Dr. MLK Dr. 63112 Homer G. Phillips 2425 N Whittier St 63113 Florence Hill 5541 Riverview Blvd 63120 Pope 4500 Pope Ave. 63115</p>
<p>*ParentLink is available to help you connect families to resources and follow up afterwards, call 573-882-7323 or 1-800-552-8522. **This is not a comprehensive listing-additional resources may be available in your community; encourage families to check with insurance carrier; if a child does not qualify for First Steps/ECSE services, please consider referring to other providers on the list.</p>			Last Updated: 10/2015